

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A closure device for a convertible top, comprising:
 - a lateral roof frame;
 - a hoop element;
 - a first sliding element;
 - a second sliding element; and
 - a hook arranged on the lateral roof frame and accommodated in a pivotable manner on the first sliding element, the hook being moveable to an engagement position for engaging with the hoop element,
wherein the hook is pivotable by a drivable movement of the second sliding element relative to the first sliding element.
2. The closure device as recited in claim 1, wherein the lateral roof frame includes a linear guide and the first sliding element is guided linearly on the roof frame in the linear guide.
3. The closure device as recited in claim 1, wherein the lateral roof frame includes a linear guide and the second sliding element is guided linearly on the roof frame in a linear guide.
4. The closure device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a control link connected in an articulated manner to the hook.
5. The closure device as recited in claim 4, wherein the control link is connected in an articulated manner to the second sliding element.
6. The closure device as recited in claim 5, wherein the lateral roof frame includes a linear guide including a recess, and wherein the second sliding element is guided linearly in the linear guide such that the control link is retained in a first position relative to the second sliding element by means of the linear guide over the first part of the linear movement, and such that the control link is moveable relative to the second sliding element by means of the recess over a second part of the linear movement.

7. The closure device as recited in claim 6, further comprising a drive device for driving the second sliding element.
8. The closure device as recited in claim 7, wherein the drive device includes a driving cable secured on the second sliding element.
9. The closure device as recited in claim 4, wherein the control link is arranged in one of a dead center position and an over dead-center position relative to the hook when the hook is in full engagement with the hoop catch
10. The closure device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a front bow secured on the first sliding element.